

# Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Utah Board of Juvenile Justice</b>
<b>Date</b>	Thursday, May 17, 2012
<b>Time</b>	8am – 9:30 a.m.
<b>Location</b>	Utah State Capitol Complex, Senate Bldg., Copper Room
<b>Members Present</b>	Pat Berckman, Donovan Bergstrom, Charri Brummer, Adam Cohen, Karen Crompton, Gini Highfield, Scott Jackson, Nindy Le, James Marchel, Judge James Michie, Shirlee Silversmith, Van Nguyen, Troy Rawlings, Pam Vickrey
<b>Members Excused</b>	Patrick Garcia, Spencer Larsen, Rachael Skidmore
<b>Members Absent</b>	Craig Dearden, Kaisa Kinikini
<b>Staff</b>	Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse, Cuong Nguyen Visitors: Matt Davis, Audrey Hickert, Anthony Johnson
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Welcome and Chair's Report</b>
<b>Notes</b>	Karen Crompton called the meeting to order. Gini Highfield asked that we add a thank you to Lisa-Michelle Church to the April minutes. Judge Michie made the <b>motion</b> to approve the April meeting minutes as amended. Gini Highfield <b>seconded</b> the motion which <b>passed unanimously</b> .
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Juvenile Justice Specialist Report</b> (1:58 tape)
<b>Notes</b>	<b>Budget Update</b> – The Board's allocation is \$30,000 with \$18,098 remaining. There are no budget changes since last month. So far, the 2013 budget does not look promising. <b>3 Year Plan Update</b> – The 3 year plan was submitted on May 7 and is based on the priority areas that the Board established last October. The plan will be posted to the UBJJ website after it is approved by OJJDP. In February we had an Enhanced Programmatic Desk Review (EPDR) and received a letter last week with the results. The review was good with only one recommendation, and that is to have more non-government employees on the Board.
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Committee &amp; Other Reports</b> (11:53 tape)
<b>Notes</b>	<b>Do the Write Thing</b> – Reg thanked the Troubled Youth Organizing Committee, who generously paid for a night's stay for our DTWT National Finalists at the Troubled Youth Conference. The event went very well. Teacher Kim Irvine will not be able to attend the DTWT Recognition Event in DC in July, so the school's principal will attend in her place. Rachael Skidmore and Spencer Larsen will attend the DC event and act as hosts. Reg added that the biggest news is that 11 of the 12 finalists have already submitted their UESP savings plan paperwork. <b>Action Items:</b> Update DTWT pictures on the website, especially after the DC trip. Have DTWT brochures or postcards printed and include them in bags for next year's Troubled Youth Conference.  <b>DMC/CASP Update</b> – Pat thanked Raechel Lizon and Cuong for organizing the CASP grant. Cuong stated that they have local universities participating at the local level (BYU, UVU, U of U and Weber State) are on board. Initial meetings have been scheduled for the U of U by the end of this month. Cuong, Pat and the Salt Lake County CODA will meet with the Bhutanese community (refugees) on May 19 <sup>th</sup> , so they can discuss our laws and ask questions. Pat Berckman is our FACJJ representative and has volunteered to be on FACJJ's DMC Committee. Another orientation is scheduled next Tuesday for minorities to learn about careers in law enforcement. Next Wednesday there will be a CODA dialogue with Sheriff Winder and Chief Burbank. Troy Rawlings noted that if DMC is interested, he could have Mark Nash (who runs the program for the Prosecution Council) make a DMC presentation to all the prosecutors in Utah at their Fall conference. Pam Vickrey added that a DMC presentation to all the attorneys in her office would benefit as well.  <b>Troubled Youth Conference Report – Comments from attendees</b> Scott Jackson – The keynote speaker was excellent and very inspiring. Jim Marchel – The conference tries to balance a wide interest and more educators attended this

	<p>year, which is good. Jim would like to see more technical topics and mental health issues.</p> <p>Van Nguyen – Sessions were a little too general. Clay Roberts, key note speaker was inspiring and thought the “High in Plain Sight” presentation was very helpful.</p> <p>Nindy Le – The drug session was the most interesting.</p> <p>Reg Garff- Liked the bullying prevention and intervention session. A key element, not discussed in most programs is working with kids and the family.</p> <p>Judge Michie – It is interesting to see a general shift that is paying attention to the restorative model in juvenile justice.</p> <p>Gini Highfield – There were 16 out-of-state speakers this year. The large variety of attendees was amazing.</p>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>UCJC Outcome Evaluation</b> (1:09 tape)
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Matt Davis discussed program evaluations for the Asian Association and Project Step-Up in West Valley City and stated that it is important to emphasize the importance of evaluating programs after first given a grant.</p> <p>The Asian Association was visited four times over the last month or so.</p> <p>Identified issues include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The program does not have clearly identified inclusionary and exclusionary criteria for the youth entering each of the different program components.</li> <li>• There is currently no identified curriculum being used in the individual sessions or group intervention.</li> <li>• There is currently no identified length of time that youth should be enrolled in the program and no identifiable completion criteria.</li> </ul> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement the components included in the grant proposal including Social Skills Training and Parenting Wisely</li> <li>• Clearly define which youth are considered appropriate and inappropriate</li> <li>• Staff should be trained on the components of the program that they conduct</li> <li>• The program should include teaching methods which have been shown to promote change, include modeling and teaching behavior skills.</li> </ul> <p>Project Step-Up, West Valley City</p> <p>Matt made three major recommendations for them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program should avoid focusing on self-esteem as main target and focus on parent/teacher compliance, behaving appropriately in class and behaving appropriately with peers.</li> <li>• Procedures for Rewards and Punishers need to be formalized.</li> <li>• Program Director should provide direct services and assess adherence to the curriculum.</li> </ul> <p>In the last five months major changes have been made by Project Step-Up. Those who run the program are very grateful to Mike Tanana and Matt Davis for their recommendations.</p>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>DMC Assessment Study</b> (tape 39:00)
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Audrey Hickert gave a power point presentation prepared by the Utah Criminal Justice Center, University of Utah, on the <i>Disproportionate Minority Contact: Arrest Assessment</i>.</p> <p>The purpose of the study was to conduct an assessment of local jurisdictions to identify potential explanations for why disproportionate minority contact (DMC) occurs among juveniles at the point of arrest and referral by law enforcement, for follow-up data analyses and to explore possible solutions to address the disparity.</p> <p>Eight law enforcement agencies were involved: Logan, Ogden, Unified, Salt Lake City, West Jordan, West Valley City, and Provo Police Departments and the Orem Department of Public Safety.</p> <p>The purpose of Phase I was to identify targeted areas and issues to study. Phase II collects and analyzes data on the 8 specific targeted areas/issues. All eight law enforcement agencies have</p>

	been contacted, with all but Provo signing on. Interviews have been conducted with those seven agencies. The seven law enforcement agencies have created a list of five potential studies to send to the Police Chiefs for ranking. Feedback/ranking has been received from those seven. Audrey discussed agency specific reports from the seven agencies and showed graphs comparing offending by Council District, High Schools and Middle Schools. Each agency also has recommendations for the next steps for potential further exploration and intervention.
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Other Business</b>
<b>Notes</b>	Karen Crompton announced that the Voices for Utah Children have released their <i>Utah Kids Count</i> report and the “ <i>What’s Eating Utah’s General Fund?</i> ” report. These reports can be viewed online at <a href="http://www.utahchildren.org/">http://www.utahchildren.org/</a> .
<b>Next Meeting</b>	The next meeting is scheduled for 8 a.m., Thursday, June 21, 2012, Utah State Capitol Complex, Senate Bldg., Copper Room

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